

Peace, asked everyone "to persevere" in applying the principles of the U.N. Charter so that humanity could reach the threshold of the 21st century in the full enjoyment of a stable and lasting peace.

It is in that spirit that I have come to your country. I want to tell you how we in Canada view the broad agenda of the International Year of Peace. As you know, the IYP is essentially a challenge to governments and peoples of the world to focus more clearly on the multi-dimensional nature of peace -- conflict resolution, economic and social development, human rights, elimination of racial discrimination, as well as the traditional issues of arms control and disarmament. All these themes must be advanced as the world continues to evolve into a global community with increasingly close relationships among all peoples.

Peace can no longer be defined as the absence of war, though the avoidance of nuclear war must be the chief priority.

Peace requires more than a reduction of arms, though disarmament measures are essential.

Peace demands the attaining of true human security so that people everywhere can live free of the threat of war, free of violations of their human rights, free to develop their own lives to attain economic and social progress.